

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 and 37 remain pending in the present application. Claims 30-36 have been cancelled. Claim 15 has been amended. Claim 37 is new.

The Examiner has noticed that there appears to be two distinct species of computation claimed in Claims 1 and 15. Applicant respectfully traverses this election requirement based upon amended Claim 15 and the following discussion.

In Claim 1, the space target air temperature TAO is calculated based on the thermal load and the seat control value for controlling the seat air conditioning unit is calculated based on the space target air temperature TAO. On the other hand, in Claim 15, the space target air temperature TAO is calculated based on the thermal load and the seat target air temperature is calculated and estimated based on the space target air temperature to determine the seat control value. Accordingly, the seat target air temperature is calculated based on a value (space target air temperature) relating to the thermal load. Thus, application believes, both of Claim 1 and amended Claim 15 indicate the species of the first embodiment.

Should the Examiner not agree with the applicant regarding Claims 1 and 15, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Claims 1-14. Applicant would then request that the non-elected claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

NEW CLAIMS

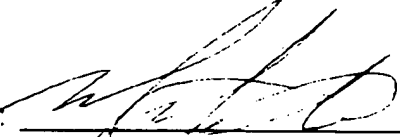
New Claim 37 is a dependent claim which depends from Claim 15. Applicant believes that new Claim 37 reads on the species elected in the response filed May 1, 2003.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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